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[Part I] To VYShINSKIJ[i]. In answer to your no. 481.

I am transmitting a draft opinion of STENBERG on SIDORENKO's[ii] condition

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SIDORENKO

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under arrest since October 1942 awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court

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appear good. At every examination the patient is in a condition of strong emotional excitement with accelerated pulse (100, 100, 90-95). Severe trembling, always affecting the fingers, sometimes

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to my questions sometimes were given calmly and exhaustively, sometimes the questions gave rise to desperate

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his stay in prison. He says that [9 groups unrecovered] are watching over him

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but mostly he sits with his

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, dissatisfied expression. He said that his detention and imprisonment

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case in a state

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resistance.

S. complained of poor sleep and nightmares. At the time of my first visit S. [5 groups unrecovered]

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shots during the night. At the time of my last visit he said that for about the last week or more he has been bothered by something that he calls "the voice of a madman." He doesn't hear any distinct words, but the general impression reminds him of a vibrating radio broadcast. He immediately added that this is not "a provocation of the fascist clique."

[Part II]

In childhood he was healthy. Nail-biting and sleep-walking were not observed. He had been as healthy as ever until he got into the condition he is now in. The only thing that bothered him before was obstipation (blockage of the bowels). He indicates that this still occurs-not a week goes by without blockage of the bowels.

Cases of classical hallucination

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VALLER and REITERSKJÖLD he was transferred to the Psychiatric Clinic of the Karolinska Hospital, where he stayed for treatment until 3 October 1942, when he was returned to the police. I may say here that I met S. once between 1 and 3 October 1942 at the Psychiatric Clinic. At that time he gave the impression, as far as I remember, of being more calm, more restrained and in spite of a hunger strike, in a better nourished condition.

to my

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medicines in order to break his will.

[Part III]

When he is out for a walk he feels that behind him [4 groups unrecovered] in brown clothes and dark glasses, whom he has seen in [4 groups unrecovered] upper floors. He assumes that this man is watching to see how the given medicines are affecting him.

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However, it showed that S. is in a state of extreme

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imprisonment

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to a great degree aggravated by the fact that

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STENBERG

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[Part IV] BRANTING[iii] said that under the law the Swedish

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... must be put in a hospital and for a stay of some duration, [2 groups unrecovered] him to the USSR. Other possibilities [4 groups unrecovered] our proposals: 1) To present the doctor's opinion to GUNTHER[iv], and with a strong warning in the name of the Soviet government about possible serious consequences, ask [2 groups unrecovered] Swedish government and further to let the police continue the filthy piece of provocation undertaken by it. In the course of a later conversation, to tell GUNTHER in my own name that in view of the progressing illness of S. it would be better for him and for both sides to send S. immediately to the USSR and thus solve a very unpleasant problem and a situation that has grown up. 2) Parallel to this, depending on GUNTHER's answer, to suggest to STENBERG that he act in the proposed direction on his own initiative without [9 groups unrecovered] whole question, for S.'s health actually does inspire very serious concern and the doctor's opinion adduced above is by no means exaggerated. [1 group unrecovered] most urgent and decisive measures. I request your immediate answer.

SEMENOV[v]

Comments:

- [i] VYSHINSKIY: Deputy Peoples Commissar for Foreign Affairs.
- [ii] SIDORENKO: Member of a Soviet trade delegation, convicted of sabotage and at the time serving a long sentence.
- [iii] Georg BRANTING: Prominent member of the Social Democratic Party of Sweden and legal advisor to the Soviet Embassy in STOCKHOLM.
- [iv] GUNTHER: Foreign Minister of Sweden.
- [v] SEMENOV: First Secretary of the Soviet Legation in Sweden.

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